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In response to Office Communication dated 12/31/2003:

Application No: 10/080,200

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On: Centrifugal blower with partitioned scroll diffuser

ART UNIT 3745

Inventory: John F. O'Connor, Jr., et al

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 In view of Mr. Christopher Verdier's action dated 12/31/2003 we are now enclosing a copy of the response of 1/23/2004 with signatures by all three inventors.

We are also enclosing for entry in the application file and appointment of power of attorney, in favor of Theodore R. Paulding, Registration # 19,294.

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